State Academy Of Science Elects Kurtz President

More than 150 scientists from throughout the state attended the annual meeting of the Arizona Academy of Science here this weekend. Dr. Edwin B. Kurtz Jr., of the University of Arizona, was elected academy president.

Kurtz, of the UA botany department, said one of the meeting's highlights was election of G. E. P. Smith, of Tucson, a retired UA engineering faculty member, an honorary academy member.

Smith was cited for his work toward water conservation which was, according to Kurtz, "many years ahead of its time.

"We are now benefiting from Smith's pioneering work in studies of rechargeable water resources."

Other new academy officers are Lorenzo K. Lisonbee, president-elect; Dr. Harry B. Whitehurst, corresponding secretary; Dr. Paul A. Fryxell, membership secretary, and Dr. William S. Rawls, treasurer.

Nominated as fellows of the academy were Leslie N. Gooding, Emil W. Haury, Claude E. McLean, Robert L. Nugent and Earl C. Slipher.

Main speakers at the Saturday meeting on the UA campus were Dr. Robert C. Euler, retiring president, who spoke on anthropology and the culture of science, and Dr. James E. McDonald, who discussed the "Physics of Baseball."

Academy members read special papers on biology, geology, physics, anthropology, radiation, botany and archaeology. Also present were 30 members of the Arizona Junior Academy of Science, an organization to promote scientific interest among high school students.

Ton Of Raw Opium Seized In Turkey

ISTANBUL, Turkey—(AP) A ton of raw opium, worth an estimated $15 million, has been seized in Turkey in a raid by investigators, it was announced today. The haul was said to be the largest ever made in Turkey and one of the largest in the world.

The opium was destined to be shipped via Syria and France to the United States, said Joseph Arpaio, special narcotics agent with the U.S. Treasury Department.

Four peasants were arrested. They were legally licensed to grow opium but over a five-year period had withheld a ton from delivery to government buyers, Arpaio said.